

# Willow River Rod and Gun Club Range Rules

Good sportsmanship is the underlying foundation of this club. It is your DUTY to respect the privilege of using this facility. The Club's money and the labor of members keep this range functional. Any person(s) found not obeying the range rules, vandalizing club property, or displaying obnoxious or dangerous behavior will be dealt with by the Board of Directors.

## General Rules for Firearms

- All range users should be familiar with general firearms safety. USE COMMON SENSE!
- As good safety practice, eye and ear protection is recommended.
- Always keep firearms pointed in safe direction.
- All firearms must be in good working condition.
- All firearms must remain unloaded unless at the shooting line.
- All firearms must be unloaded and actions open while anyone is down range.
- Anyone under 18 years of age must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- NO tracer or incendiary ammunition allowed on any range.
- NO fully automatic firearms allowed. NO simulated automatic fire such as bump fire.
- Alcohol, drugs, and shooting do not mix. Alcohol is prohibited on active shooting ranges and no one will be allowed to shoot who appears to be under the influence.
- NO shooting before 9am or after dusk. Only exception is trap league night on lighted trap ranges.
- Remember to clean up after yourself!

## Pistol / Rimfire Range (All projectiles must impact the berm directly)

- Firearms allowed
  - Pistols – Rimfire, original centerfire pistol cartridges, black powder and 410 shotshell or smaller
  - Rifles – Rimfire and original centerfire pistol cartridges only
  - Shotguns - Not Allowed, except for pistols firing shotshell cartridges as listed above
- Paper-type targets only. All targets must be mounted on hanging backers provided.
- Replace hanging backers only when they will no longer hold targets.
- All shooters must use the same firing line
- Portable shooting benches can be moved to desired firing line
- During open range time, priority on the range is given to pistol shooters.

## Trap Range

- Firearms allowed
  - Shotguns shooting target class #6 or smaller bird shot.
- Standard pitch or biodegradable clay targets only.
- The automated throwers at both trap ranges are for league use only.

- Portable and hand throwers are allowed at lower trap range only.
- Make certain clays are thrown between the right hand and left hand range markers.

### **Shotgun Patterning Range**

- Firearms allowed
  - Shotguns shooting bird shot (no buckshot, no slugs).
- Paper targets on provided target stands.

### **Rifle Range (All projectiles must impact the wooden bullet stop directly)**

- Firearms allowed
  - Rifle, pistols and muzzle loaders – up to but not including 50 BMG or larger.
  - Shotgun – slugs only (no buckshot, no birdshot)
- Paper-type targets only. All targets must be mounted on hanging backers provided.
- Replace backers only when they will no longer hold targets.
- Typically, the benches will be the firing line.

## **General Rules for Archery**

- All shooting is to be done from a common shooting line.
- Anyone under 18 years of age must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Alcohol is prohibited on active shooting ranges and no one will be allowed to shoot who appears to be under the influence.
- Never nock, draw, or release an arrow with anyone down range.
- Keep your arrows in your quiver until it is clear to shoot.
- Check to make sure the line is done shooting before retrieving arrows.
- Always keep your arrows pointed towards the ground or the target and keep your finger off the trigger of your release until you are ready to shoot. If you need to point your bow towards the sky or ground to draw it, your poundage is too high.

### **Range Specific Rules**

- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it. No shooting wildlife, stumps, or other non-target objects on the outdoor range.
- Crossbows can only be used on the outdoor range using the special crossbow rated arrow stops and field points. If you want to shoot broadheads, you need to supply your own arrow stop.
- Vertical bows can only be used with field points. If you want to shoot broadheads, you are restricted to the outdoor practice range and you need to supply your own arrow stop.